



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Commission on Sensitive Crimes

Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?

Who does not have a voice at the table?

How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?

Tuesday, June 21, 2022

8:30 AM

A. Call To Order

Others present: Susan Alan-Lee, Nela Kalpic, Amy Scarr, Howard Thomas.

Chair Miyasaki called the meeting to order at 8:39 a.m.

Present 6 - SHANNON BARRY, AMY BROWN, HEATHER LE MONDS, SHARYL KATO, Chair
JAN MIYASAKI, and GREG ESSER

Absent 3 - BETH FREEMAN, DANA PELLEBON, and KRISTA EWERS-HAYES

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2022](#)
[MIN-112](#)

MINUTES FROM APRIL 19, 2022

Attachments: [2022_0419 COSC Minutes](#)

A motion was made by BROWN, seconded by BARRY, to approve the Minutes.
The motion carried by a voice vote (6-0).

C. Action Items

None.

D. Presentations

None.

E. Reports to Committee

1. Agency Updates

Esser reported all Madison Police Department districts have implemented a Summer Strategic Plan that focuses on three areas -- stolen vehicles, shots fired and traffic. The data-driven traffic areas of focus are Mineral Point Road, the Beltline and East Washington Avenue. If there are four incidents within a half mile in the same week, a response plan is created. Thefts of late-model Hyundai and Kia vehicles, which don't require the key to steal, continue at a high rate. The manufacturers are working to correct the problem. Shots fired remain steadily high on the East Side. Several guns have been recovered when officers respond to bar-time fights in the Downtown District.

Barry reported Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) is testing its texting line with the goal of launching it in early July. The agency has started spending some Housing First funding and expects to hire a coordinator for the initiative soon. The program's focus is on victims of intimate partner violence and getting them into housing -- not hotels or shelters -- as quickly as possible. DAIS is in the process of writing a Department of Children and Families Grant proposal. Due to changes in the process, the agency will receive a minimum of \$80,000 less in grant funding in 2023. The DAIS M.E.N.S. Club will be in East High School for the first time starting in the fall.

Brown reported the Dane County District Attorney's Office continues to work the backlog of cases caused by the 14-month period during which jury trials were suspended at the outset of the COVID-19 pandemic. The number of referrals for violent and sensitive crimes remains high. Serious traffic cases, stolen vehicles and gun-related crimes are happening at a higher rate than Brown has seen before. Higher cash bail amounts are being requested in some cases in an effort to keep victims safe. Five project attorneys are joining the office this summer to help reduce the burden caused by the pandemic. The Crime Response Program, led by Julie Foley, continues work on the Mass Casualty Violence Initiative. Victim Witness Unit employees are reading "What Happened to You" by authors Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey; Brown recommended it to Commission Members. The book uses up-to-date research and social circumstances to explore trauma.

Kato reported The Rainbow Project Inc. is conducting interviews for multiple personnel openings. Staff have attended week-long professional development sessions around the country. Air purification equipment has been installed and children are now receiving on-site services after a hiatus during the pandemic, with those families who benefited least from virtual services receiving priority. Work on 2023 contracts with community partners is underway. Referrals have increased, as has the waiting list. A lack of funding for basic trauma recovery remains a problem. The Rhumba for Rainbow fundraiser is scheduled for Sept. 16.

Le Monds reported Neighborhood Intervention Program offices reopened to the public this week after a pandemic hiatus. Remodeling of offices continues. Most employees are working remotely, but in-person programming is available. Summer group programming is underway, including three field trips, to keep youth engaged. Benefits from prevention work in middle schools is evident. Youth are tracked through the end of high school and a coordinator for 17 to 25 year olds is available to the higher-risk individuals once they complete high school. Le Monds attended the recent Violence Prevention Coalition meeting. The application is open for the Madison Forward Fund, a year-long guaranteed income experimental program for Madison residents. The guaranteed income is a monthly, cash payment of \$500 given directly to 155 households for 12 months. The application is available at: <https://www.irp.wisc.edu/MadisonForwardFund/>

Alan-Lee reported victims of sensitive crimes are presenting at UnityPoint Health Meriter with more severe injuries than in the past. Three recent patients were involved in incidents that included a death investigation. Eighty percent of patients in 2021 filed a police report, with 50 percent of those made to the Madison Police Department. Alan-Lee is presenting about the FNE process and reports to a group of Dane County Probation and Parole Agents on June 22. Alan-Lee has teamed with representatives of the Rape Crisis Center, Dane County Adult Protective Services and Safe Harbor Child Advocacy Center to provide 16 training sessions this year with the Madison Police Department.

Kalpic reported Marsy's Law Wisconsin recently concluded an exercise in Brown County that explored how victims are being served across the continuum. Approximately 40 individuals were in attendance. The initiative will continue in additional counties this year and Kalpic will share an overview of the information gathered.

Scarr reported all Dane County Adult Protective Services programs have a wait list. The department will have three workers out for the summer. In 2023, Adult Community Services will be divided into two divisions -- Behavioral Health and Disability & Aging Services. Current ACS Division Administrator Todd Campbell will lead the Behavioral Health Division and the hiring process is underway for the Disability & Aging Services Division. APS facilitated several events for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15.

2. CCR Updates

Elder Abuse: Scarr reported the Elder Abuse CCR and Financial Abuse Specialists Team will resume meeting once per month after experimenting with an every other month schedule.

Child Abuse and Neglect: Kato reported the Prevention and Advocacy Committee recently met and efforts continue to launch the Mental Health Subcommittee. The Trauma Informed Advisory Council has been meeting regularly to plan for the Trauma Summit in November. Efforts continue to better coordinate the Children, Youth & Families Consortium.

Child Sex Trafficking Subcommittee: Miyasaki reported MPD Police Chief Shon Barnes had to cancel his appearance at a recent meeting due to the death of Detective Amanda Analla. There are plans to invite Claudine O'Leary, who created a tool funded by DCF for screening and talking to young people about trafficking, to a future meeting.

Legal Issues: The group met on June 16 and received agency updates. There wasn't a guest speaker. A Doodle Poll will be distributed in July to ascertain what days/times work best for the group since the current time conflicts with other meetings. Marlys Howe will distribute the minutes from the June meeting as soon as possible.

3. Legislative Announcements//Updates

None.

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

Next meeting: Tuesday, 19 July 2022, at 8:30 a.m.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

None.

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

None.

I. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Howard Thomas pending Commission approval.